

Monarch Lifecycle, Ages 3-8

1. Give each student a white sticker to start activity.
2. Ask students if they have ever seen a monarch before. Ask what they know about monarchs.
3. Tell students they are going to explore the 4 stages of a monarch's life.
4. Place the numbered cards in a circle large enough to allow the number of students to participate.
5. Place leaf cards around Lifecycle # 2.
6. Place caterpillar cards around Lifecycle # 4. The caterpillar by wplynn is a monarch caterpillar.
7. Have students begin at Lifecycle # 1 and follow the instructions on each station's card.
8. Once students have become a butterfly, they can continue the circle of life by starting over and laying an egg.

GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY FLYING!



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Lifecycle #1

You are a mother monarch and need to find some milkweed to lay your eggs.

Fly around in 3 circles.



Lifecycle #2

Hunt for a milkweed plant leaf and lay an egg.

Add a sticker to the leaf.



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Lifecycle # 3

Wait to hatch

Sit & count slowly to 10.



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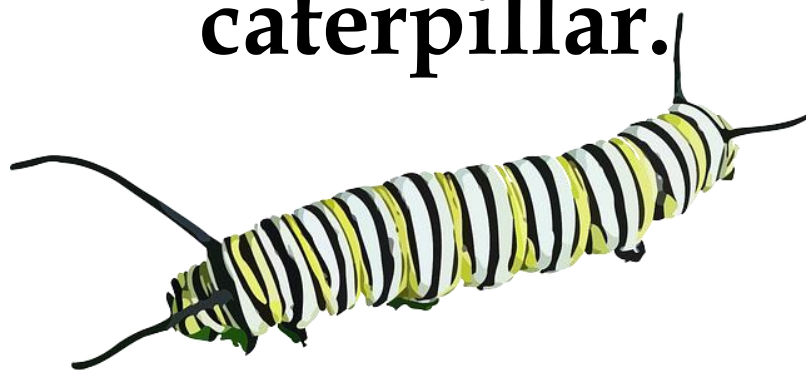


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Lifecycle # 4

Yay! You hatched from your egg.

**Find a monarch
caterpillar.**



Lifecycle #5

Time to Eat!

**Rub your tummy 20
times & say YUM.**



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Lifecycle #6

You grew, but your skin is too
small.

**Wiggle to shed your old
skin.**



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Lifecycle #7

Time to eat AGAIN!
**Rub your tummy 20
times & say YUM.**



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Lifecycle #8

Get ready to change.



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**Lie on your back
to make a J shape.**

Lifecycle #9

Hang in a chrysalis.

**Tuck up small &
count to 20.**



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Lifecycle #10

Ecclose from your chrysalis.

**Flap arms 10x to stretch
wings.**



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Lifecycle#11

You are a Monarch Butterfly!

**Fly in 5 circles to
celebrate.**



Lifecycle #12

Find a flower and drink.

**Pretend to sip nectar 5
times**









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